

From: Jaycox, Stacy
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 5:16 PM
Subject: FCC Votes to Relax Media Ownership Rules

Dear Ms. Abernathy:

I voted for President Bush in the last election; I am typically conservative in my viewpoints and Republican in my voting habits. However, I am absolutely appalled at the FCC's vote to encourage further consolidation of our nation's media. Currently over 90% of what we hear, see, and read is controlled by only five media conglomerates. That statistic is already very disturbing, and I know I'm not the only one who believes that this is very unhealthy for our democracy. I believe that a vigorous and diverse free press that checks and balances itself via competition is the only means our citizens have to determine the truth behind any issue.

I find especially reprehensible the news reports that the FCC has:

- * Deliberately attempted to keep the American people in the dark regarding today's vote (see MSNBC and Fox News);
- * Refused to grant a 30-day postponement of the vote to allow the American people to weigh in (Ibit.);
- * Ignored opinion polls that show over 70% of Americans are against further relaxing media ownership rules (Ibit.).

It is my hope that Congress will take action to prevent the FCC's attempts to facilitate a private sector "Ministry of Information" in America.

Sincerely,
Stacy Jaycox
Springdale, AR

From: DAVID BILLMAN
To: Mike Powell
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 5:18 PM
Subject: <No Subject>

Shame on you. Your vote today will certainly lead people to believe you have been bought and paid for.
Sleep well.

David Billman

CC: Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein

From: cynthia
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 5:19 PM
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

cynthia (ramirez) writes:

Thak you for your courage adn presentation r/t the vote for deregulation. You presented the pro's and con's well and with Americans interest foremost. Unfortunately, those that voted affirmatively are so typical of this administration. All that Democrats have accomplished is so quickly being disassembled. Please keep verbal and visible in the media so that Americans get another view. At present, all that comes across is flag waving with anyone who disagrees is considered non-patriotic. The every day American is the least important person in politics and money is the ruler for those in power.

Server protocol: HTTP/1.1
Remote host: 152.163.252.198
Remote IP address: 152.163.252.198

From: Rittenburg, Charles E
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 5:21 PM
Subject: FW: Please Retain Caps on Station Ownership

Honorable Kathleen Q. Abernathy
Commissioner, Federal Communications Commission

Dear Madam.

Please vote to retain the current caps on how many television stations may be owned by one entity. I am convinced that to lift the caps would do irretrievable damage to the doctrines and application of community standards to broadcast entertainment. The television megalopolies time and time again have demonstrated the immunity to community concerns conferred on them by their mammoth size, and their disdain for community standards, which they seem to feel free to ignore. Please retain the caps, and, if anything, reduce the market share which one entity is allowed to own, or find other ways to strengthen the position of independent and small owners.

Thank you.

Yours truly,

Charles E. Rittenburg
MAJ, US Army, Retired
2 Clinton Lane
Marlton, NJ 08053

From: Bette Eggers
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 5:21 PM
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

Bette Eggers (baeggers@hotmail.com) writes:

Thank you for your excellent dissent that I heard on tv this moring at the meeting for consolidating the media. I appreciate all you've done to try to prevent this assault on our democracy.

Server protocol: HTTP/1.1
Remote host: 64.12.96.139
Remote IP address: 64.12.96.139

From: Rev. J.D. Benson
To: Mike Powell, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Kathleen Abernathy, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 5:21 PM
Subject: Letting the BIG GUYS get bigger

SHAME ON YOU!

Yours is the kind of approach that jeopardizes democracy in this country.
Letting the rich get richer, the rich get more control, the conglomerates run what we see and when and how.

SHAME ON YOU!

-Rev. JD Benson

"You cannot think straight with a heart full of fear, for fear seeks safety, not truth...
A heart full of love, on the other hand, has a liberating effect on the mind." -- William Sloan Coffin

From: Zed B. Starkovich
To: Mike Powell, <mailto:kabernat@fcc.gov>, <mailto:mcopps@fcc.gov>,
<mailto:kjmweb@fcc.gov>, <mailto:jadelste@fcc.gov>
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 5:25 PM
Subject: Corporate Control

You people are either completely corrupt, or absolutely stupid.

Allowing General Electric to own more TV stations, while at the same time selling weapons throughout the world, polluting the environment, and ignoring the deaths caused by those actions on their own "News" stations, is not exactly the best way to keep the people fully informed or protected.

Despite the Bush administration's declarations to the contrary, our government is supposed to protect people, not corporate profit.

Thanks a lot for selling the future minds of our children to the money hungry owners of our mass media. I hope you got more than a free tote bag for turning your backs while we got raped.

So much for Representative Democracy. . .

Zed B. Starkovich
HempFarm.org
Hollywood, Ca

From: Shirley Green
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 5:25 PM
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

Shirley Green (haroldshirleygreen@earthlink.net) writes:

Dear Mr. Adelstein:

I wish to thank you for your stand against the neocons that are strangling the democracy out of our nation.

I so appreciate your commitment to our democracy and your willingness to defend it.

Please expose these three for what they are doing and the millionaires and billionaires for whom they are doing it.

This is a textbook example of FASCISM. Don't let them cackle and deny it and blame the rest of us when we call it what it is.

Today, corporate America became more wedded to government. Today, we became a nation of soon-to-be know-nothing drones.

Thank you sir. It is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Shirley Green

Server protocol: HTTP/1.0
Remote host: 169.199.168.3
Remote IP address: 169.199.168.3

From: jim chill
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 5:27 PM
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

jim chill (jimamberchill@juno.com) writes:

Jonathan, thank you for putting public opinion ahead of big buisness. I listen to the BBC everyday, the objective coverage is refreshing. I strongly feel that the American media is lacking objective coverage. With the new relaxed ownership rules I feel this biest coverage will only worsen. Thank you for your leadership and courage. JIM

Server protocol: HTTP/1 1
Remote host: 199.35.0.197
Remote IP address: 199.35.0.197

From: smooth daddy
To: Homer1Flanders0@yahoo.com
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 5:41 PM
Subject: comment

I would like to express the concern and disappointment I feel following the FCC's decision today to relax the rules limiting media ownership.

I would like to say one thing to people who voted for this. Have you read the novel 1984 recently? If you haven't I urge you to read it again and think about how you are helping us quite efficiently actually, move towards a future similar to Orwells warning.

Eventually a few people will control everything we see/hear/read but I suppose you all know that better than I do.

Do you Yahoo!?

Yahoo! Calendar - Free online calendar with sync to Outlook(TM).
<http://calendar.yahoo.com>

CC: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein, FCC
FCCINFO, Webmaster, Campaignlaw

From: Vinaya Saksena
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 5:46 PM
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

Vinaya Saksena (sw-625@lycos.com) writes:

Dear Commissioner Adelstein,

I am a concerned citizen (age 24) with a strong interest in the field of broadcasting, which I hope to enter myself. I have read your statement on today's hearing on the Telecommunications Act, and I wholeheartedly agree with you: it is a sad day for America. Though few of the American people realize it so far, billions of dollars in public property has been stolen from under their noses today. And while I don't want to get overly political about this, I feel that this incident is the latest in a long line of disgraceful acts committed against American democracy: It began with the presidential election scandals of 2000, and has continued with utter shamelessness to this day, with the culprits using the most horrifying tragedy in this country's history since the attack on Pearl Harbor as an excuse. I don't think I need to specify which political party I am talking has committed these heinous crimes against the public interest.

Whatever one's political views may be, however, you and Commissioner Copps are absolutely correct: the regulation (or lack thereof) of the media in this country is not a debate to be determined by one's political leanings, but by one's commitment to the common good, an idea your republican colleagues seem to despise for preventing them from receiving more corporate kickbacks (yes, word has gotten out about the little vacation Mr. Powell indulged in).

As you can probably tell, I am not happy about what has happened, and I am far from being the only one. What the Commission has done is an unforgiveable affront to the public interest. I commend you and Commissioner Copps for remembering your civic duty when your republican colleagues not only ignored it, but tried to block all attempts to serve it. Although this incident has caused me to lose faith in the FCC, I stand by what you and Mr. Copps have done, or at least attempted against all odds, to defend the public good. Your statements on the issue today reflect a profound degree of humanity completely absent in the statements issued by commissioners Powell and Abernathy, a telling indication of who they truly identify with. Please, keep it up in whatever shape or form you can. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Vinaya Saksena
Warren, Ri

Server protocol: HTTP/1.1
Remote host: 138.16.136.6
Remote IP address: 138.16.136.6

From: Calvin Mandalay
To: FCC FCCINFO
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 5:54 PM
Subject: <No Subject>

Why are you doing this,
working toward allowing this type of monopoly. Don't you remember why these
regulations were set in place. The public has no alternative but to think
you are crooked!

As if we had decent news-media in the United States as of now.

It should become even more geared toward the goals of the corporate world?

Why in the world would you want to do this?

Think for a while, I say about the original intentions of these monopoly
regulations.

concerned citizen

Add photos to your e-mail with MSN 8. Get 2 months FREE*.
<http://join.msn.com/?page=features/featuredemail>

CC: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner
Adelstein

From: Ross Barentyne-Truluck
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 5:56 PM
Subject: Congratulations!

In the finest Republican tradition, and with total disregard for what the public wants, you and your other non-elected colleagues have rammed yet another disastrous policy down the throats of the helpless and hapless American public. It seems to be true - we do have the finest government money can buy. Is this ever going to end?

Ross Barentyne-Truluck
Vocal Performance Department
University of Miami School of Music
Coral Gables, FL 33124

From: Ken Buxton
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 6:08 PM
Subject: deregulation

Ms Abernathy

you have sold out us privates citizens

shame on you

ken

Ken Buxton
the.computerbugg.com
<mailto:ken@thecomputerbugg.com>
<http://www.thecomputerbugg.com>

From: Richard Hall
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 6:21 PM
Subject: New Rules

I was disheartened by your vote to permit further ownership consolidation of our public airwaves. We already suffer from media oligarchy. The ultimate result is totalitarianism of the air waves. Its just another example of creeping fascism. Another nail in the coffin of American democracy. Nazi Germany, move over and make room, here we come. Your vote will live in infamy.

From: Iglenn@gmu.edu
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 8:33 AM
Subject: Ownership Restrictions Vote

June 2, 2003

Dear Chairman Powell and Commissioners Abernathy, Adelstein, Copps, and Martin:

I would like to encourage you when you vote today on whether to allow entities that already control much of the airwaves to buy up even more to consider those of us who derive a great deal of our news from large networks such as ABC, CBS, NBC, and Fox. The information that they provide is determined by who controls them -- AOL/TimeWarner, Westinghouse, GE, News Corp -- and the advertisers they court. The quality comes nowhere near that of Bill Moyers's Now, and as an American, I think that's the type of quality people deserve.

Frankly, it's gotten to the point where I and many of the people I know (30-somethings) watch the news with jaded eyes -- if we watch at all -- because we know some company somewhere has bought and paid for the spots they cut to, leaving what we see and hear soundbitten at best and inaccurate (for the lack of well-rounded facts) at worst. Such consolidation as what's being proposed can only worsen that effect. And that speaks only to the news itself. What about the venue for smaller advertisers? Where will they turn when all the stations in their particular area are owned by one company that dictate ad prices?

Those are just a couple of the ramifications that I see developing if you vote to lift ownership restrictions.

Besides, some of us are very suspicious of your actions when it's been reported that you accept trips paid for by representatives of those companies that stand to gain the most from your voting to lift the restrictions on ownership. I hope you'll remember that -- your actions today will be scrutinized in the light of such perks. Don't forget who you're there to serve: You're there to shepherd the airwaves on behalf of everyday Americans, not deep-pocketed companies. And as such, you need to look at the issue with a long-term perspective in mind -- not where it will get you or your friends and acquaintances in a few years, but where it will leave the state of the country, the state of democracy itself, five, ten, fifteen years from now.

Thank you for your attention.

Leigh Glenn
 U.S. Taxpayer
 Airwaves Shareholder
 Oakton, Va.

CC: Iglenn@gmu.edu

From: Bill & Dott Koch
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 8:41 AM
Subject: 1st Amendment

Instead of a monopoly occurring in private media, I am convinced all people who wish to own a broadcast facility in their homes should be allowed to do so under the Constitution. It is a speech right. Will you see that this is made possible?

Sincerely,
Dott Clarke Koch
Phoenix

From: david.dyer@durakon.com
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 8:42 AM
Subject: Vote AGAINST removing restrictions on TV station ownership

Vote AGAINST removing restrictions on TV station ownership

I recently became aware that the FCC might remove restrictions on ownership of TV stations. I think this is a bad idea. The airwaves are regulated on the premise that they are a limited resource and should be used for the benefit of the people. The farther ownership is removed from the community, the less responsive the stations are to community input, criticism, etc. As a result, community standards are ignored

Please maintain the current restrictions, rejecting any changes.

David R. Dyer
1158 Fairview
Lapeer, MI 48446

David R. Dyer
Project Engineer, Durakon Industries
Direct line (810) 245-4438
Fax (810) 667-7720

From: Mgevaart@aol.com
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 8:44 AM
Subject: 6-02-03 open meeting

Gentleman and Ladies of the FCC Board,

In regards to MB Docket No. 02-277,

I am a US consumer who does NOT want to see a change in the rules of Media Cross Ownership. Allowing a change of the current language will continue the Media conglomeration that will only serve those who can afford the ownership. Leaving smaller companies no chance of getting into and maintaining what they already have. I urge you to NOT tamper or change the language we currently have in place.

In regards to MM Docket No. 01- 235

I am a concerned Media consumer who feels that any changes to the rules and policies concerning Multiple Ownership of Radio Broadcast stations and newspapers will NOT be in the best interest of the consumer. Allowing one company any multiple ownership will NOT enhance the quality and diversity of the information the media outlets provide. Allowing Cross Ownership of Broadcast and Newspapers is Wrong, DO NOT ALLOW IT TO HAPPEN!

In regard to MM Docket No. 01-235,

I am a concerned Media consumer who feels that any changes to the rules and policies concerning Multiple Ownership of Radio Broadcast stations in Local Markets will NOT be in the best interest of the consumer. Allowing one company any multiple ownership will NOT enhance the quality and diversity of the information the media outlets provide. Allowing Multiple Ownership of Radio Broadcast Stations in Local Markets is Wrong, DO NOT ALLOW IT TO HAPPEN! Help The Consumer, NOT The Media Conglomerate!

Your attention to these matters is of great importance to me, Thank You for your time.

Mark G. Gevaart
 9329 Winchester Rd.
 Fort Wayne IN. 46819
 260-747-3803
 mgevaart@aol.com

From: Inga Vikse
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 8:49 AM
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

Inga Vikse (IngaVikse@aol.com) writes:

Are you a Washington fat cat? Are you feeding Big Brother? Are you a co-conspirator of the war/power mongering throng of plutocrats? Have you sold your soul to Murdoch? Have you flushed democracy down the toilet? Is freedom of expression for sale?

Server protocol: HTTP/1.1
Remote host: 12.111.24.79
Remote IP address: 12.111.24.79

From: IngaVikse@aol.com
To: Mike Powell
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 8:51 AM
Subject: Fat Cat

Are you a Washington fat cat? Are you feeding Big Brother? Are you a co-conspirator of the war/power mongering throng of plutocrats? Have you sold your soul to Murdoch? Have you flushed democracy down the toilet? Is freedom of expression for sale?

CC: Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein

From: osonegro3@juno.com
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 8:54 AM
Subject: <No Subject>

Dear Commissioners,

As one who has worked internationally, and in low income and predominantly minority communities here at home, I am very aware of how inadequately the mainstream media represent the realities, perceptions, and interests I have witnessed. I urge you to protect the diversity of perspectives and sources in the media, rather than making changes that would further concentrate control of the media.

Sincerely,
Jan Palmer

2122 W. Melrose
Chicago, IL 606018

CC: osonegro3@juno.com

From: Bradchard@aol.com
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 9:01 AM
Subject: No Subject

Dear Commissioner Abernathy:

As a concerned citizen who strongly values diversity and equality in the media, I urge you to vote against the proposed changes to the media ownership rules which are before the commission today. I strongly believe that relaxing those rules, as proposed, would do inestimable damage to the quality and objectivity of news programming, not least because it would severely limit the choices--and voices--available to most media consumers.

Thanks very much for your time and your serious consideration of this issue.

Brad Richard
New Orleans, LA

From: Tltouseywyatt@aol.com
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 9:03 AM
Subject: fcc regulation changes

Please DO NOT vote yes for the proposed regulation changes. I know you THINK you are doing the right thing but I have the right as a citizen to hear ALL points of view whether I agree with them or not.
PROTECT MY RIGHT TO HEAR ALL POINTS OF VIEW. RUPPERT MURDOCK IS NO ONES FRIEND!

From: Sarah L. Knutson
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 9:05 AM
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

Sarah L. Knutson (Sally_Knutson@hotmail.com) writes:

Please vote against further deregulation of the media at this time. Thank you.

Server protocol: HTTP/1.1
Remote host: 24.97.13.46
Remote IP address: 24.97.13.46

From: MandoSkye@aol.com
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 9:06 AM
Subject: Open Commission Meeting on Broadcast Ownership

<<FCC To Hold Open Commission Meeting on Broadcast Ownership Monday, June 2, 2003. Meeting to be Televised Live on C-SPAN, >>

It is vital for anyone who believes in freedom of the press and who understands that any allowance for a monopoly of the media is DANGEROUS to democracy to not allow corporations to own more stations than they already do. Please don't let this pass through today!

Sincerely,

Elena Sciaky

From: Tltouseywyatt@aol.com
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 9:09 AM
Subject: fcc regulation changes

Please VOTE NO for the proposed regulation changes. I do not want my information gathering to get Wallmartered. I have the right to hear ALL POINTS OF VIEW and make my decisions accordingly.

From: Steve Fabian
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 9:11 AM
Subject: proposed rule change

Dear Mr. Adelstein - I am strongly against the proposed relaxation of ownership rules that is being voted on today. One only has to look at the current state of FM radio to see why it's a bad idea - lots of stations and no variety. Too few companies already control too much of the dissemination of information in this country and this change would only make matters worse.

Sincerely,

Steve Fabian

1058 Dunhill Dr.

Marietta, GA 30067

From: zengr@juno.com
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 9:20 AM
Subject: deregulation

Chairman Michael K. Powell: mpowell@fcc.gov
Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy: kabernat@fcc.gov
Commissioner Michael J. Copps: mcopps@fcc.gov
Commissioner Kevin J. Martin: kjmweb@fcc.gov
Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein: jadelste@fcc.gov

If it ain't broke don't fix it.

Please do not change the rules on regulation.

Thank you.

Greg Zahradnik

8716 Whipps Mill Road

Louisville KY 40222

From: MALLOVESAMADEAS@aol.com
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Mon, Jun 2, 2003 9:21 AM
Subject: Expanding Media co panies

To allow the mdeia giants the chance to increase their control of the news is to silence all other views. The news will be a propaganda machine. Is that what you want? I don't!!